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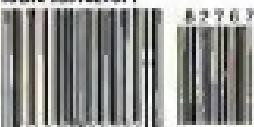
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In their ongoing search for the Flame Champion, Geddoe and his companions come to the village of bug users' community that once belonged to the Grasslands. There, Aila befriends a girl who wants to hear about the Grasslands. Meanwhile, Geddoe crosses paths with a strange cat that speaks to him ... but what the cat says Geddoe may not want to hear!



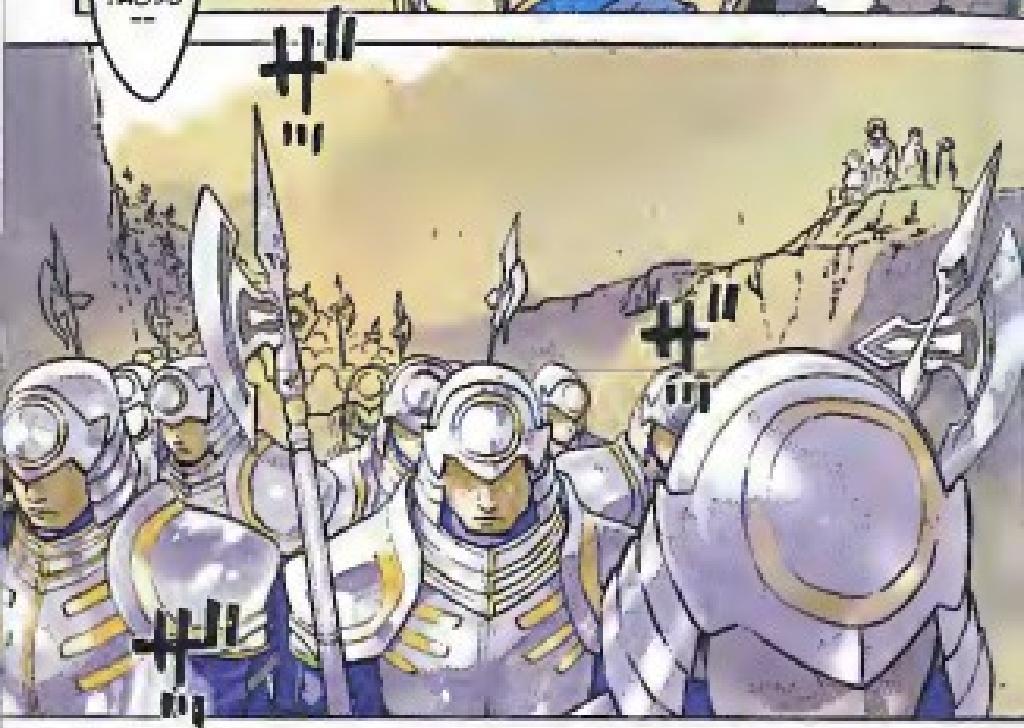
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LOOK!
AREN'T
THOSE
--



AND
LOOK
AT THAT!
ISN'T
THAT A
HARMONIAN
BISHOP?

--
HAR-
MONIAN
FRONTIER
TROOPS?
WHAT
ARE
THEY
DOING
HERE...?



幻想水滸伝

ENSO SHIKODEN

運命の継承者

志水アキ

P. Shomizu Aki





I'M
AFRAID THAT
AGREEMENT
ENDS THIS
YEAR.

--THAT
THERE WERE
CEASE-FIRE
AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN HOLY
HARMONIA
AND THE
GRASSLANDS?

DIDN'T
YOU
TELL ME
BEFORE,
OLD
MAN--

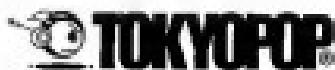
TH--
THAT'S
WHAT
I'D
HEARD
--!

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Successor of fate

Vol.3
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Zexen



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Characters

Grasslands



Gila



Jimba

Fabar Flago



Sgt. Joe

Gila

Lucina



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Story thus far...

The war between the Six Clans of the Grasslands and the Zexen Commonwealth dragged on far longer than either side expected. Tired of the seemingly pointless conflict, both parties sought a truce.

Lucia, chief of the Karaya Clan, sent her son Hugo to Vinay Del Zexay while the Zexens sent Knight Captain Chris Lightfellow (a.k.a. the Silver Maiden) to the Grasslands. Almost immediately after the truce declarations, both sides appeared to be betrayed by their former enemies. The Lizard Clan reported that their leader had been secretly murdered by the Zexens while Chris Lightfellow heard reports of the Grasslanders ambushing her forces.

Reluctantly, the Silver Maiden agreed to let her forces set fire to the Karaya village in order to create an escape route for her troops. While the Karaya village burned out of control, Hugo, Lulu (Hugo's best friend), and the Duck Clan warrior named Sgt. Joe returned and discovered Lady Chris in the midst of the chaos.

Enraged, young Lulu attacked Chris and—without thinking—the Knight Captain killed Lulu on the spot. Realizing their vulnerability, Sgt. Joe prevented Hugo from attacking Lady Chris and, in return, Chris spared both of their lives.

Hugo and Sgt. Joe eventually found the surviving members of the Karaya Clan taking refuge in the caves of the Lizard Clan. Shortly after Hugo bravely faced the awful task of telling Lulu's mother about her son's murder, he struck away to seek his vengeance.

Aila and Jimba are two more Karaya warriors who are currently separated from their people. At the time of the attack, Aila was with Geddee's visiting group of mercenaries (who were looking for Jimba) and they were too far from the village (and too few in numbers) to be of any help. Rather than regroup with her people, Aila decided to accompany Geddee in order to somehow avenge the destruction of her home.



Though physically unharmed by the battle, Lady Chris found herself mentally exhausted and plagued by guilty dreams of the recent massacre. An orphan, Chris lost her father to the flames of war at a young age and she became a knight to honor his memory. Unfortunately, Chris realized that warfare was forcing her to ruin families the same way her own was wrecked...that the blood of all those she'd slain had tarnished the hands of the Silver Maiden...and that she could no longer remember her father's face.

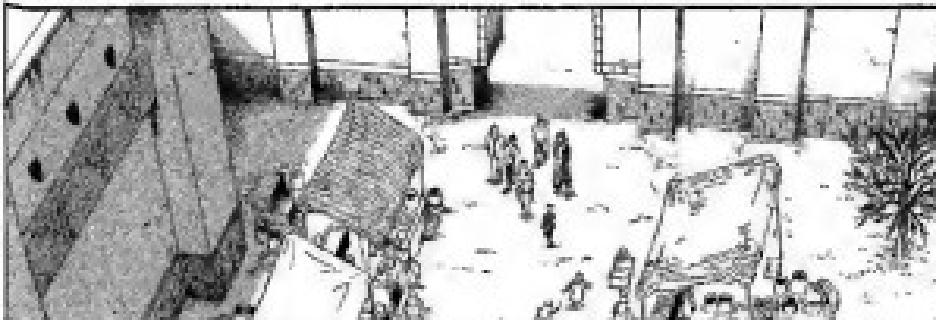
Attempting to regain her composure, Chris joined the knight Percival for a festival in his hometown of Iksay, but the town soon came under attack by the Grasslanders. Surrounded by Grasslanders, Chris held her own in a one-on-one battle against Lucia. Before the battle could turn against her, Nash Clovis (a mysterious man who warned Chris of the impending attack) saved her by pitching both of them off a cliff and into a river.

Chris' confrontations with Grasslanders were far from over, as she and Nash ended up at a castle owned by Sir Thomas...who was playing host to Hugo! Though Hugo attacked from behind, Chris quickly got the upper hand. Chris avoided killing Hugo, but her young opponent would not stop attacking her until Sir Thomas broke up the fight.

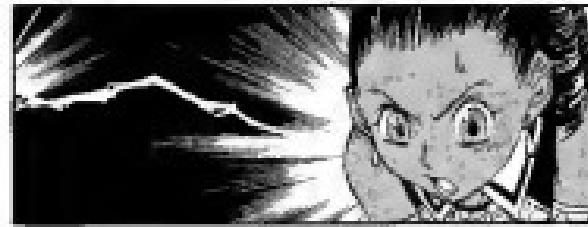
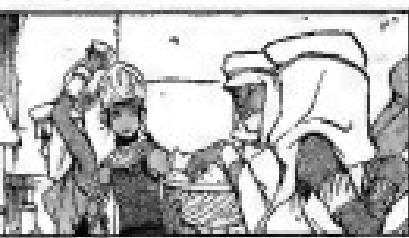
After the battle, Chris left her fellow knights to accompany Nash Clovis on a quest to find her father. According to Nash, Wyatt Lightfellow is not only alive, he's also in possession of a True Rune that grants him incredible powers and longevity. Nash contends that Chris' father is one of the two men who were always at the side of the Flame Champion, the legendary hero who used the power of the True Fire Rune to end the war between the Grasslands and Harmonia.

Seemingly unbeknownst to any of the Zexens or Grasslanders, Chris' father Wyatt Lightfellow and Karsya warrior Jimba are one and the same!



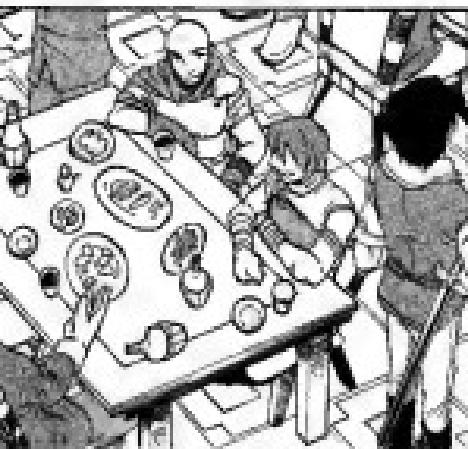






MILA, YOU
REALLY STICK
OUT DRESSED
LIKE THAT.
HOW 'BOUT
ME BUY YOU
SOME NEW
CLOTHES?

BUY
THIS
FOR
ME!!



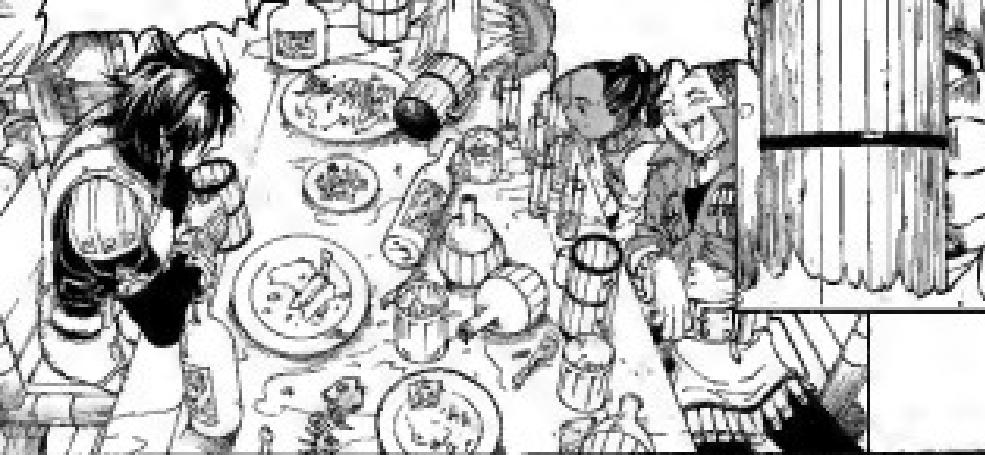


WITHOUT
BATTING
AN EYELASH,
I KNOCKED
THE HUGE
BEAST
TO THE
GROUND...

...AND
THEN,
BEFORE
MY VERY
EYES, OUT
JUMPED A
WILD BEAR
AS BIG AS
A GIANT!!

GO!

GO!



...AND
FINISHED
HIM OFF,
SMASH-
ING HIS
CHEST
FROM
ABOVE--
LIKE
THIS!!



HEY
HEY! IF
IT ISN'T
GEDDOE!

IF
THOSE
GUYS
RUN
INTO
THE
12TH,
WATCH
OUT!

OH
OH,
IT'S
THE
14TH
UNITS!

DRINKING
THE BLUES
AWAY, AS
USUAL!



OUR
OBJECTIVE
IS TO GET
THE FIRE
BRINGER!

SASARAL
THE BISHOP,
AND THAT
STRATEGIST
ALBERT
BOTH GAVE
BIG-SHOT
SPEECHES.

AND
AFTER
WE HUNT
DOWN
THOSE
THIEVING
VERMIN,
WE SHALL
BRING
PEACE
TO THEIR
LANDS!

WE PRAY
THAT THIS
BATTLE WILL
RESTORE
PEACE
TO BOTH
HARMONIA
AND THE
GRASSLANDS.

WHY ELSE
WOULD YOU
SEND THE
BISHOP OUT
TO SEARCH
FOR A BAND
OF THIEVES
FROM FIFTY
YEARS
AGO...?

BUT
THAT HUNT
FOR THE FIRE
BRINGER HAS
JUST AS AN
EXCUSE, RIGHT?
THEIR REAL
OBJECTIVE IS TO
TAKE OVER THE
GRASSLANDS.





AFAIR I
CAN'T OFFER
YOU ANY
HANDOUTS--
ALTHOUGH
I CAN JUST
IMAGINE
HOW
DESPERATE
YOU MUST
BE FEELING.



ELAINE ...



...TOO
BAD
THEY'RE
THE
ONLY
NICE
THINGS
ABOUT
YOU.



I
FORGOT
YOU
HAD A
COUPLE
OF "NICE
THINGS"
GOING
FOR YOU,
ELAINE...





"MASKED"
BISHOP?

IT HAS THE
MASKED
BISHOP
WHO
SUGGESTED
THIS
OPERA-
TION...

WHATEVER
THE
REASON, HIS
"FACE" HAS
SERVED HIM
WELL...

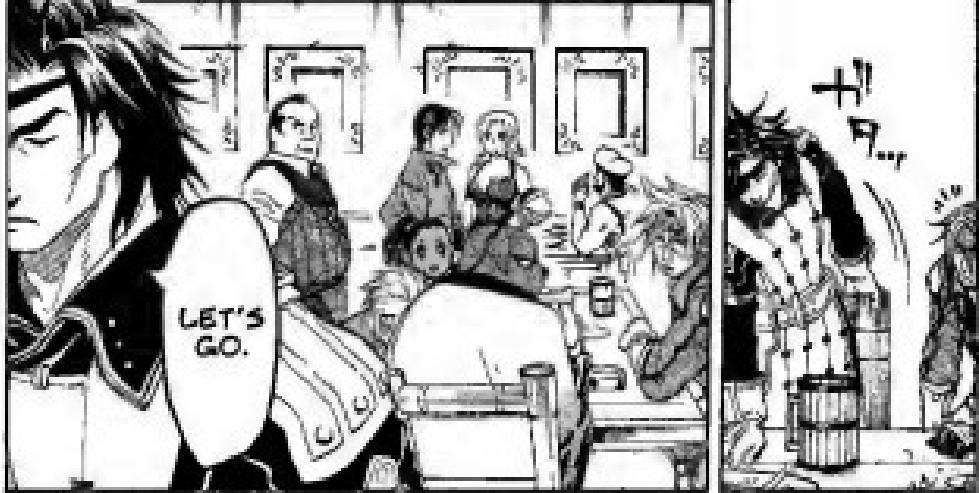
YEAH.
LIKE HIS
NAME SAYS,
THE GUY
WEARS THIS
STRANGE
MASK. HE'S
SOME KIND
OF WEIRDO
WHO NEVER
REVEALS
HIS FACE.

I MEAN,
HE GOT
CHOOSEN SO
SUDDENLY
TO BECOME
A BISHOP.

I GUESS
WE'LL HAVE
TO GET
OURSELVES
INVOLVED
SOMETHIN'
COULD BE
A WHOLE
BUNCH OF
WORK IN IT
FOR US.

YOU
GUYS
CAN
JUST
SIT
BACK
AND
WATCH
US
FROM
THE
CHEAP
SEATS.

OH,
AND
BY THE
WAY...
HE'S
COMING
TO
GALERIA.



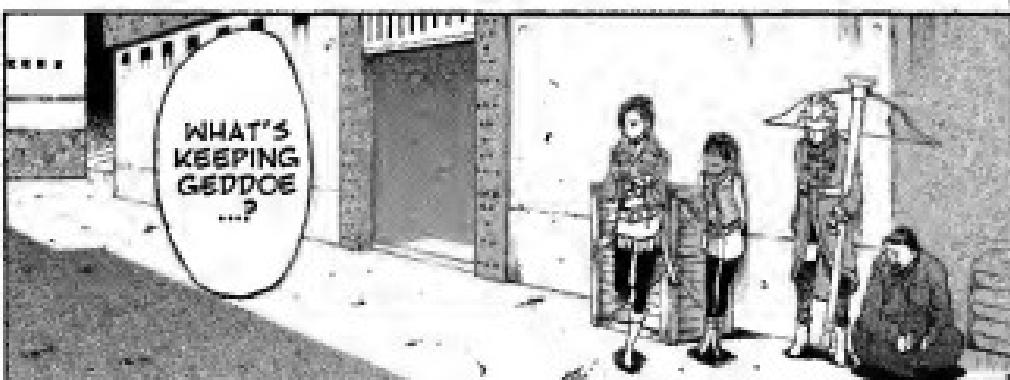
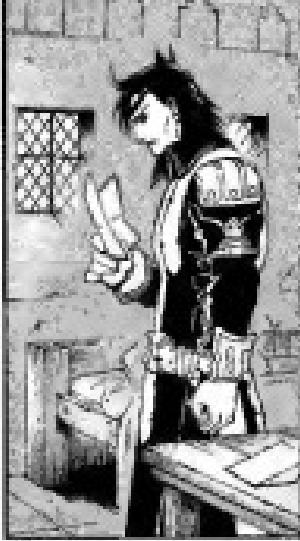
HEH.



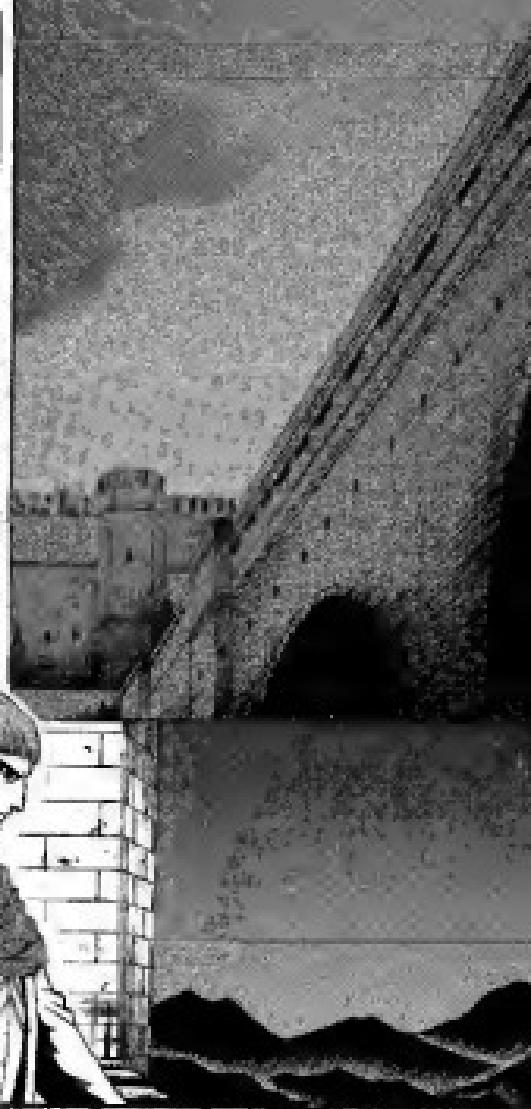
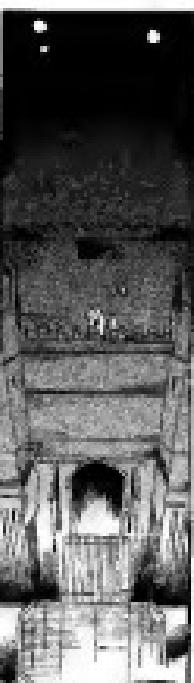
EH?

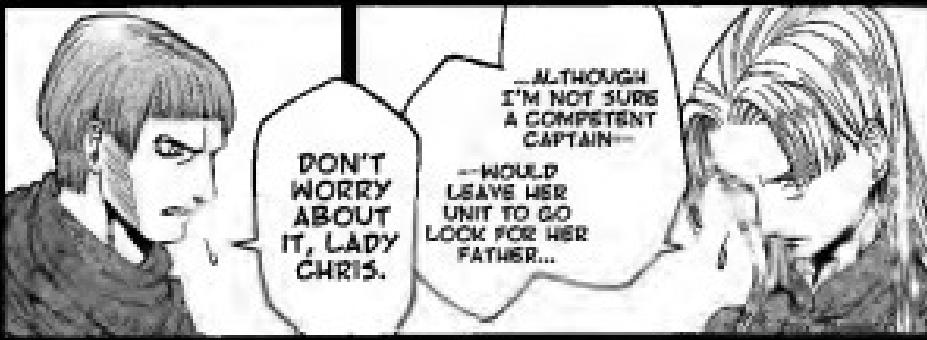
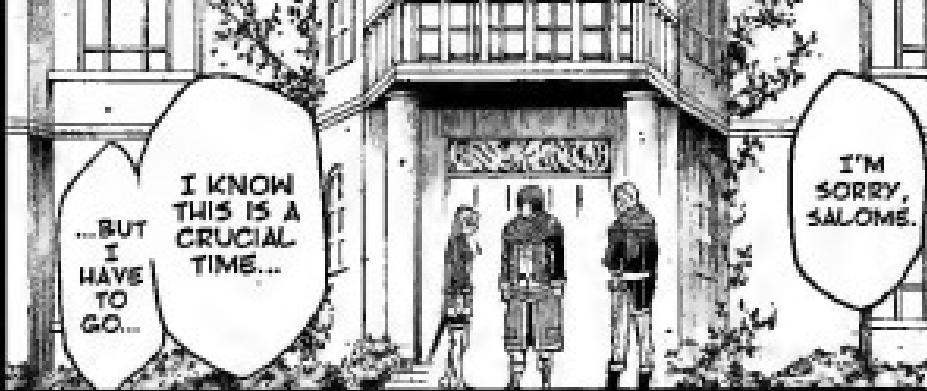
...Tight-

DAMN
THOSE
TIGHT-
FISTED
BAS-
TARDS
AT THE
BASE...













HARMONIA HAS JUMPED INTO THE FIGHT BETWEEN THE GRASSLANDS AND ZEXEN.





SO,
MASTER
HUGO...
YOU LOST
YOUR
BEST
FRIEND

--AND YOUR
TOWN WAS
DESTROYED
BY THE
ZEXEN
KNIGHTS...

AND
SO...
I WILL
NEVER
FORGIVE
THAT
WOMAN!

SHE
SNATCHED
AWAY MY
VILLAGE--
AND MY
FRIEND--!

OKAY,
HUGO.

YOU
CAN
CALL
ME
"HUGO."

BE-BE
CAREFUL.
YOU'RE
TALKING
TO A
GUY WHO
ATTACKED
THE
KNIGHT
CAPTAIN!



MY MOTHER CAME FROM AN "UNIMPORTANT" LITTLE COUNTRY...







ON
THE
OTHER
HAND,
NO
ONE'S
OPENED
A STORE
HERE,
YET...

WOULDN'T
THAT BE
GREAT...?

BUT,
ALSO
PEOPLE
FROM
ANY-
WHERE
COULD
COME
HERE--

-- REGARD-
LESS
OF
THEIR
PLACE
OF
BIRTH!

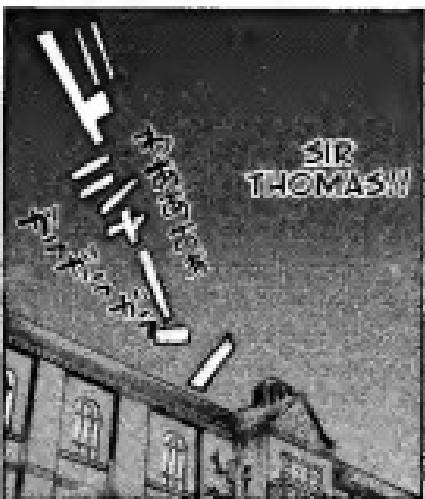


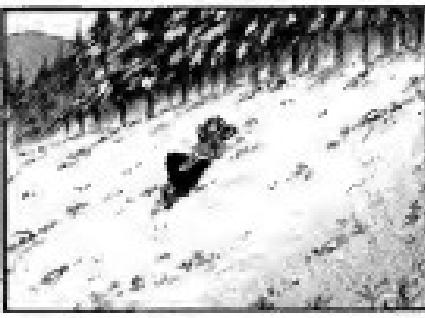


I
THOUGHT
THIS WAS
JUST
A NICE
IDEA...BUT
YOU'VE
REALLY
GIVEN THIS
A LOT OF
THOUGHT,
HAVEN'T
YOU?



I-I
DIDN'T
KNOW
YOU HAD
SUCH A
PAST, SIR
THOMAS





THAT'S
THE
NATURE
OF
WAR.





IT'S
JUST
A BIT
FARTHER.
CAESAR.



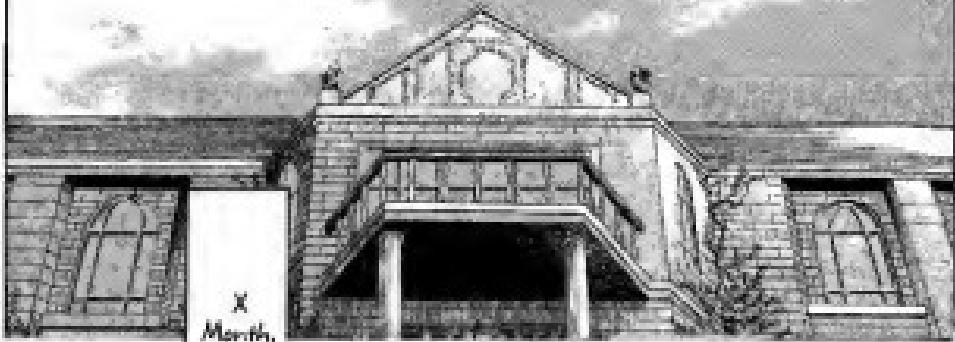
COME
ON, CAN'T
HE REST
FOR A
SECOND?





OH,
IT'S
RIGHT
OVER
HERE...

WHICH
WAY'S
THE
BUDENOC
CASTLE?



X
Month,
Day Y

Today
two more
guests
arrived.



--and her
pupil
Caesar,
a man about
my age.

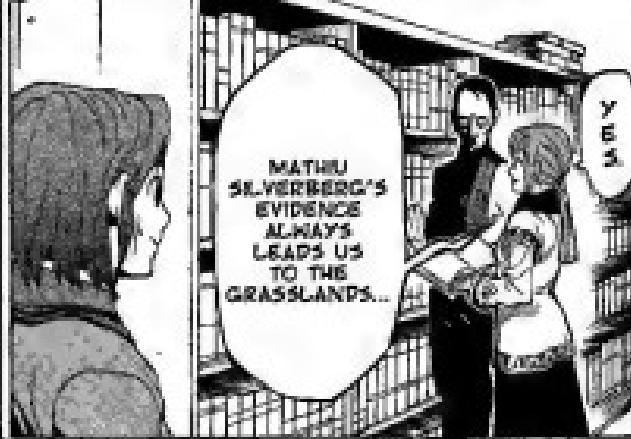


AT
FIRST I
THOUGHT
THEY HAD
COME TO
SET UP
SHOP...



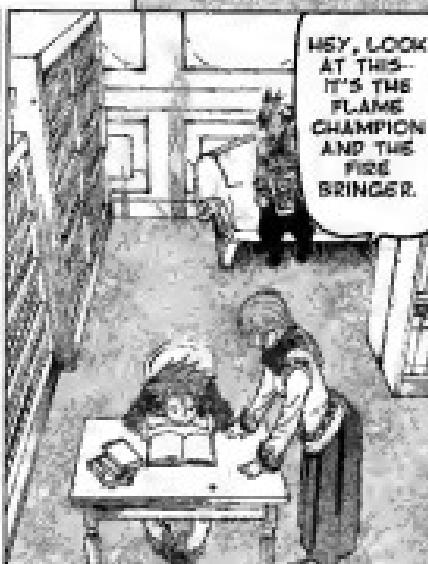
They
are a
historian
named
Apple--

I HAD
SUCH
LITTLE
DATA
ON THE
GRASS-
LANDS.
IT WAS
AWFUL...



YES

CAESAR!



BUT THAT PERSON BEHIND THE FLAME CHAMPION, HETS...

Shouta Ueda
The Flame Champion
is the son of the
former champion.
He is the
current champion.

HMMN...
HE'S MUCH
YOUNGER
THAN I
WOULD'VE
THOUGHT.

NO...
THERE'S
NO WAY,
RIGHT?



HARMONIA RAISED AN ARMY TO CAPTURE THE ELUSIVE FIRE BRINGER, WHO KEPT ATTACKING THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF THE TERRITORY, SEEMINGLY AT RANDOM.

ACCORDING TO THE HISTORY BOOKS, THE FLAME CHAMPION APPEARED IN YEAR 407 OF THE SUN CALENDAR. HE GOT HOLD OF THE TRUE FIRE RUNE AND LED THE FIRE BRINGER TO INVADE THE HARMONIAN TERRITORIES.

THOSE TOWNS THAT HAD HELPED THE REBEL TROOPS WERE BURNED TO THE GROUND AND THEIR PEOPLE WERE MADE INTO SLAVES.

IN THE YEAR 419 OF THE SUN CALENDAR, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LIVES OF 5,000 ABDUCTED GRASSLANDERS, THE GREAT HARMONIAN ARMY CAPTURED THE FLAME CHAMPION.

CRYING FOR INDEPENDENCE FOR THE GRASSLANDS, THE FLAME CHAMPION ONCE AGAIN CHALLENGED THE HARMONIAN ARMIES, BUT...

AND THEN, MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS AGO...THE YEAR 421 OF THE SUN CALENDAR--THE FLAME CHAMPION, WITH THE HELP OF THE FIRE BRINGER--ESCAPED HARMONIA WITH THE TRUE FIRE RUNE.



...THESE HAS A HUGE, MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS BATTLE.

BECAUSE OF THE INCREDIBLE FLAMES— WHICH SCORCHED THE EARTH AND MADE THE NIGHT VANISH FOR TEN DAYS—

--THE HARMONIAN ARMY HAS COMPLETELY WIPE OUT. HOWEVER, THERE ARE MANY CASUALTIES ON THE GRASSLANDERS' SIDE, TOO.

ONE ACCOUNT SAID THAT THE FLAME CHAMPION SUMMONED IT, BUT...THIS TRUTH IS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

WHAT COULD THAT BIG EXPLOSION HAVE BEEN?

AND SO, EVEN WITHOUT A CLEAR VICTOR, IN THE YEAR 425 OF THE SUN CALENDAR, HARMONIA AND THE GRASSLANDS ENTERED INTO A FIFTY-YEAR TRUCE, AND THE FLAME CHAMPION AND THE FIRE BRINGER VANISHED FROM HISTORY.





A LIFE
WITHOUT
AGING...
THAT MEANS
THAT THE
FLAME
CHAMPION,
WITH HIS TRUE
FIRE RUNE,
COULD STILL
BE ALIVE
SOMEWHERE

COME
TO
THINK
OF IT.
YESTER-
DAY...

THEY
PROTECT
THEIR
OWNERS
FROM
EVER
GROWING
OLD.

THERE'S
ANOTHER
SECRET
TO THE
TRUE
RUNES.

HMM...
THE FLAME
CHAMPION.
EH...?



A
STRONG
POWER...

A
POWER
THAT
CANNOT
BE
BEATEN
BY
ANYONE.



...THE TRUE
FIRE RUNE...

...THE HERO
OF THE
GRASSLANDS.



...HAD
SUCH
POWER...

IF I...

YOU'RE LEAV-
ING, AREN'T
YOU?

X X X :
YES.
I NOW
KNOW
WHAT I
HAVE TO
DO.

ACTUALLY,
I'M OFF TO
LOOK FOR THE
FLAME CHAMPION.

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

I'VE
STAYED
A LONG
TIME...
SORRY
IF I'VE
BEEN A
BOTHER.
THANKS.

S-SIR THOMAS,
WE'RE
IN
TROUBLE!!

AUGH!!

OUCH!!

THEY'VE
COME TO
CAPTURE
MASTER
HUGO!

A-A
PRIVATE
ARMY
FROM THE
COUNCIL
IS AT
OUR
DOOR!!

OH!
MISS
APPLES!
MR.
CAESAR!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON
DOWN
THERE?

WHAT
??

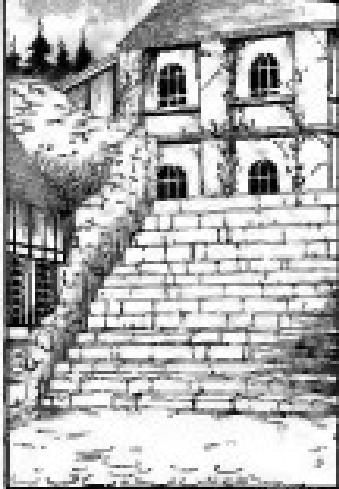
MISS
APPLES!



THE PEOPLE IN
IKSAY TOLD US
YOU'RE HARBORING
THIS YOUNG MAN
AT THE CASTLE.
DON'T TRY
PRETENDING.
YOU'VE GOT TO
GIVE HIM UP.

DON'T
MAKE
ME TELL
YOU
AGAIN.





LET'S
LET HUGO
"ESCAPE."
ONCE HE'S
GONE, THE
PROBLEM'S
GONE--
RIGHT?



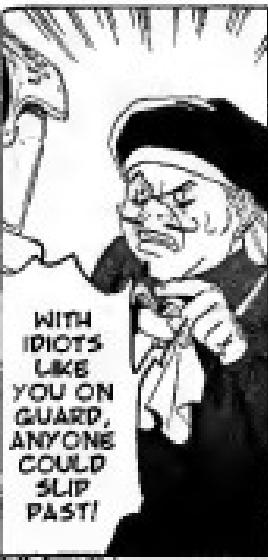




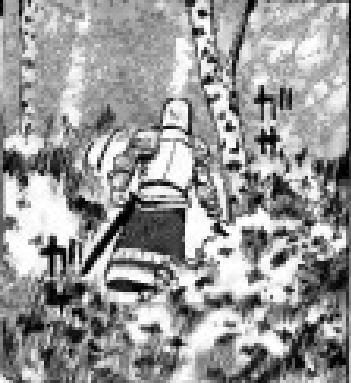


I'M
THE
THIRD
DISCIPLE
OF THE
GREAT
MAGI,
KROLIE!

WH---? THAT'S PREPOS-TEROUS!





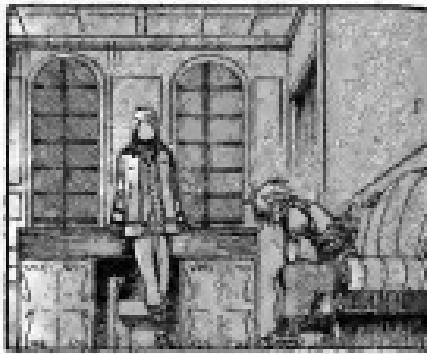








...WHY DO
PEOPLE
HAVE TO
HATE EACH
OTHER
SIMPLY
BECAUSE
OF WHERE
THEY
WERE
BORN...?





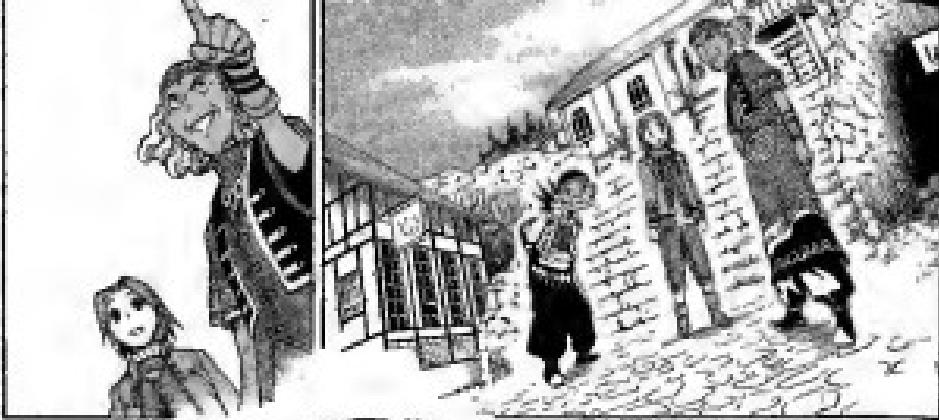
I'VE GOT
TO HURRY!
TO THE
CHISHA
CLAN--!!

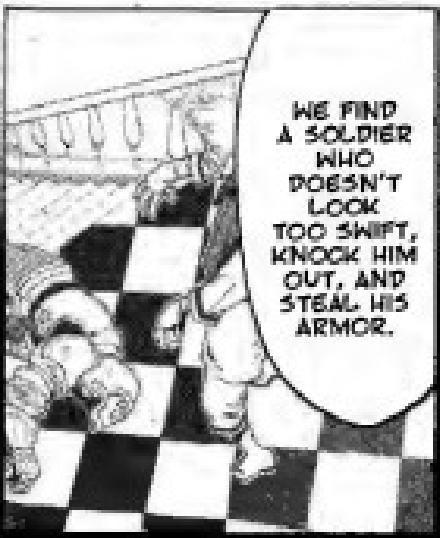


I'LL
JUST
GO BY
MYSELF.

I'VE
GOT TO
WARN
MY
FRIENDS







WE FIND
A SOLDIER
WHO
DOESN'T
LOOK
TOO SWIFT,
KNOCK HIM
OUT, AND
STEAL HIS
ARMOR.

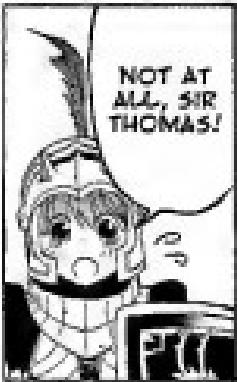


SO, IT'S
SIMPLE
--HUGO
BECOMES
A SOLDIER
AND
ESCAPES.

TO HIDE
A TREE,
YOU
STICK IT
IN THE
FOREST.



THEN WE KEEP HIM IN A CLOSET 'TIL THE COAST IS CLEAR.



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, EVERYONE.







I
DON'T
LIKE
TO BE
THANKED
FOR SUCH
SMALL
STUFF.

IT'S ALL
RIGHT,
IT'S ALL
RIGHT.

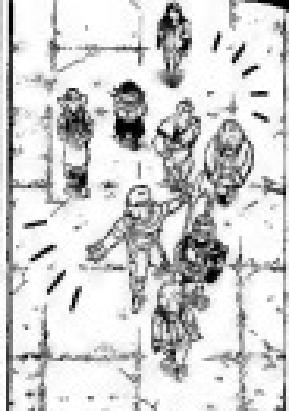
BESIDES
...

IS IT
REALLY
ALL
RIGHT...

...TO
JUST
SNEAK
OFF LIKE
THIS AND
NOT TELL
THEM WE'RE
LEAVING?

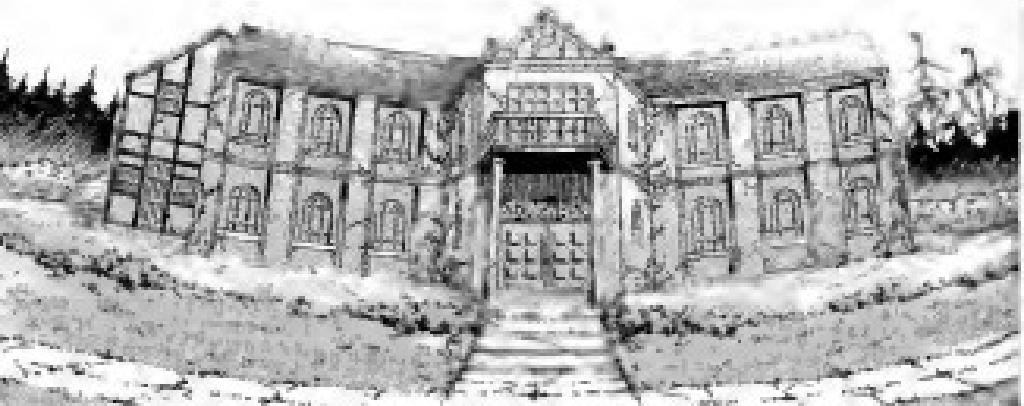
...IT'S
COOLER
TO
VANISH
WITHOUT
SAYING A WORD,
DON'T YOU
THINK?

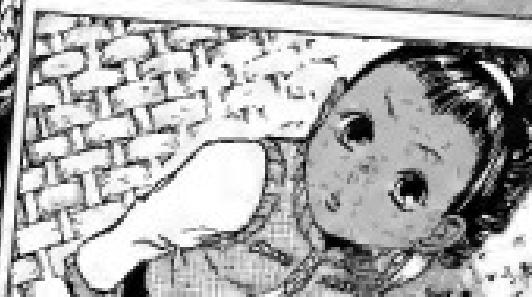
YEAH,
IT IS!

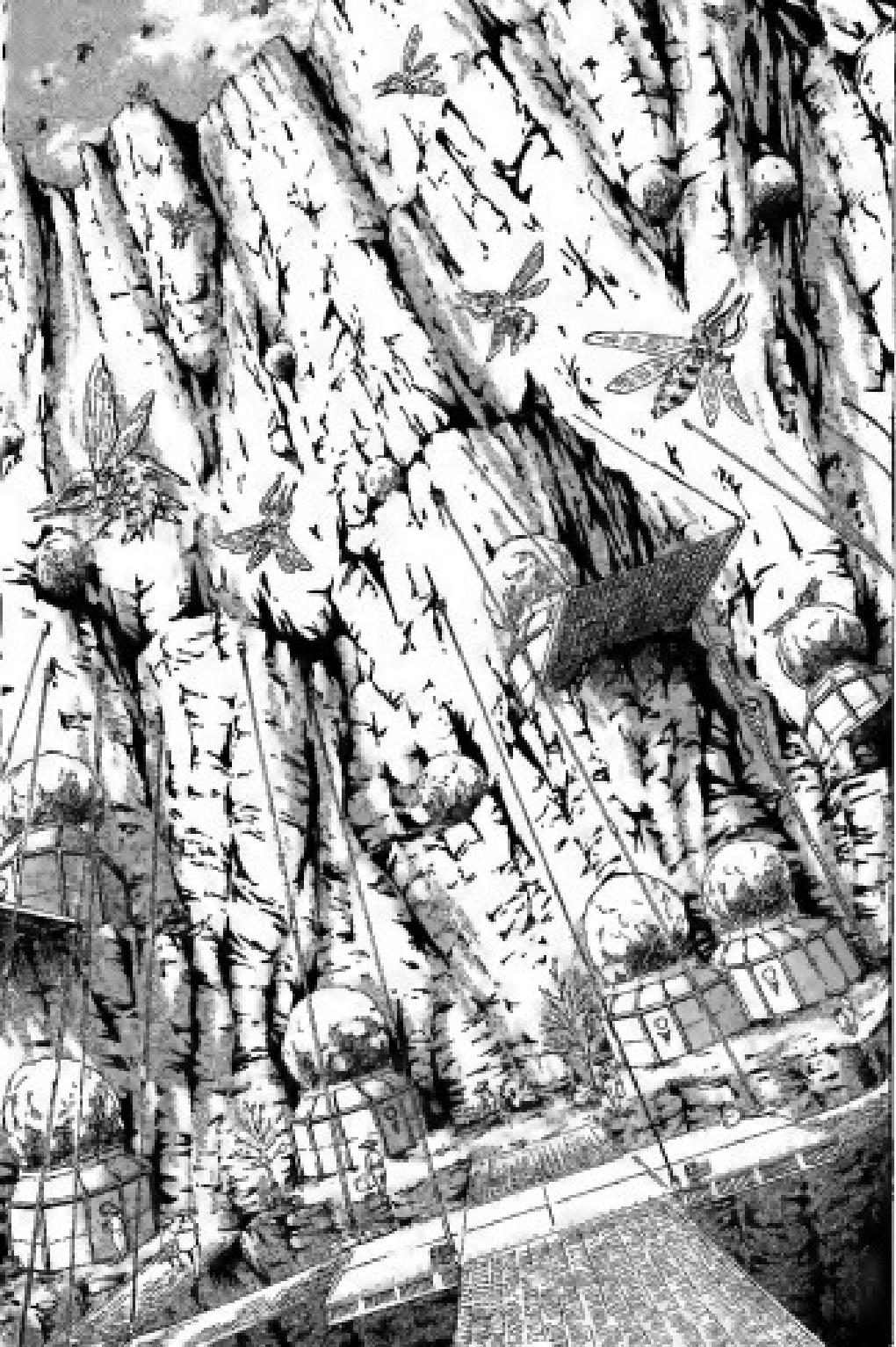


X Month
Day Y
Fine
weather

Let's hope
everything
goes without
a hitch
tomorrow!

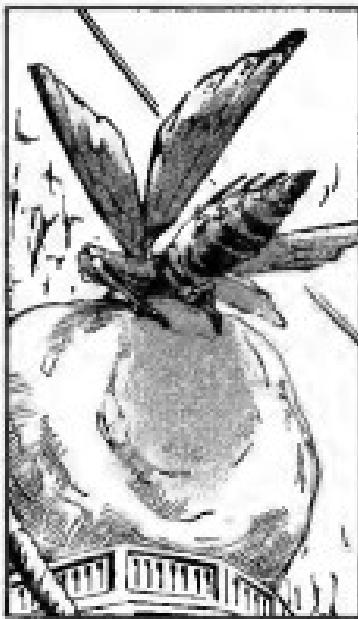
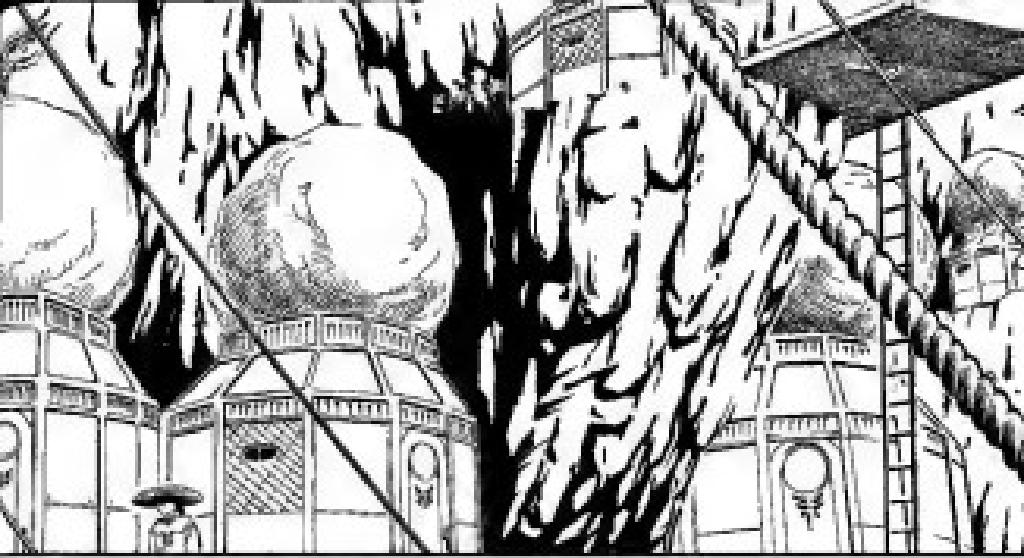


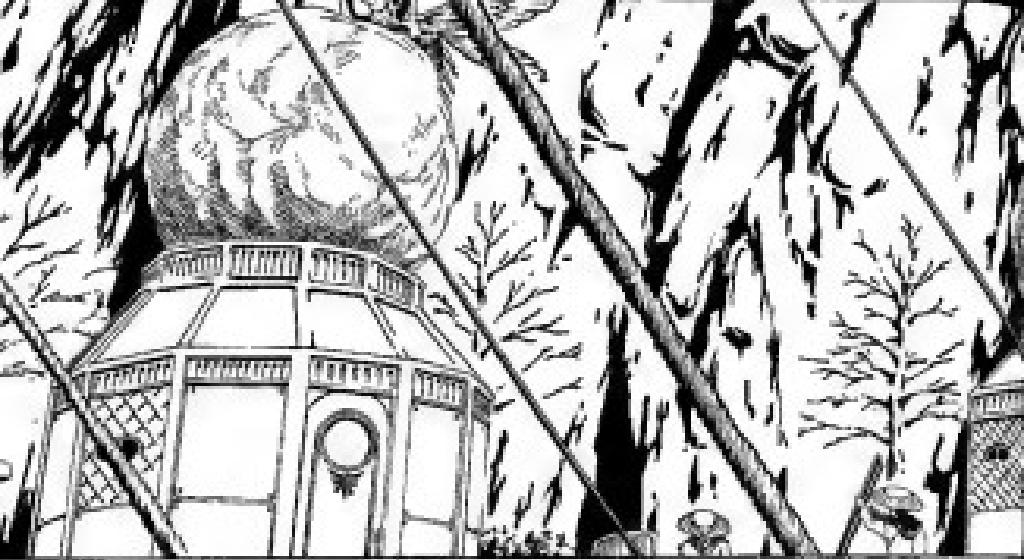


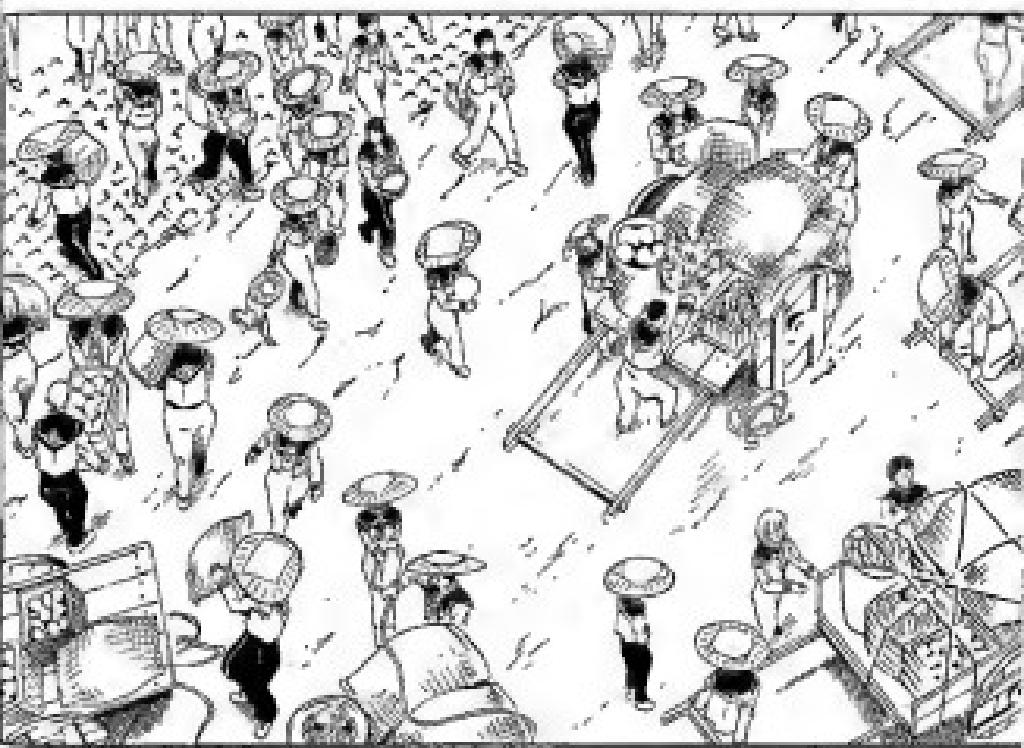


















BESIDES,
THERE
ARE FIVE
OTHERS
WITH ME

OH,
THAT'S
TOO
GEN-
EROUS!





YOU GUYS
NEED
TO
WAKE
UP!!

WE'RE NOT
GRASSLANDERS
ANYMORE!
THAT FLAME
CHAMPION'S
ANCIENT
HISTORY!
HE'S NEVER
GOING TO
JUST POP UP
AND SAVE
US!!

AND
SO,
THAT'S
WHY
...

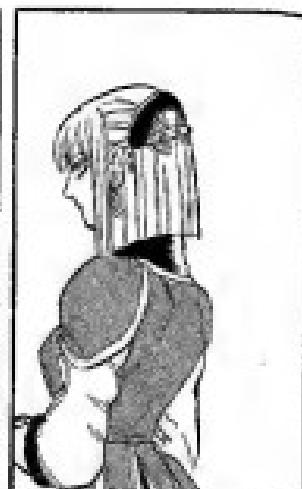
BESIDES,
THE MASKED
BISHOP HAS
PROMISED THAT
WE PEOPLE OF
LEBUQUE COULD
BE ALLOWED
TO BECOME
SECOND-CLASS
CITIZENS!

PLEASE
STOP
THIS!

NO...

WHAT
SHOULD
HE DO
IF HE
BREAKS
IT UP?





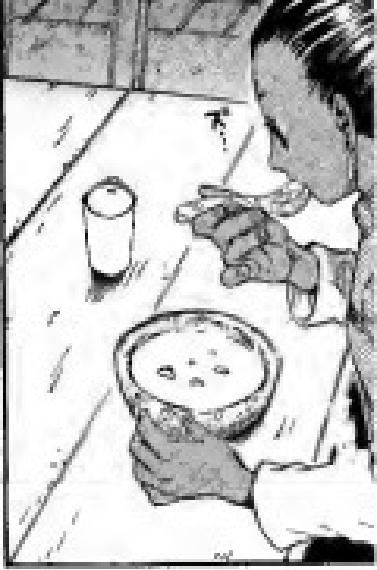
THAT
BABE
JUST
LOOKED
AT ME
NOW,
DIDN'T
SHE?

DIDN'T
SHE??









...OH, I
GET IT...

THEY
DIDN'T
WANT TO
PUT IKU
OUT...

HMM...?
NO
ONE'S
EATEN
SINCE
THIS
MORN-
ING.

WHY WOULD
THEY
LIE LIKE
THAT
...?

COME
ON,
AILA--

I'VE
ALWAYS
WONDERED
ABOUT THE
PEOPLE AND
THE ANIMALS
THESE.

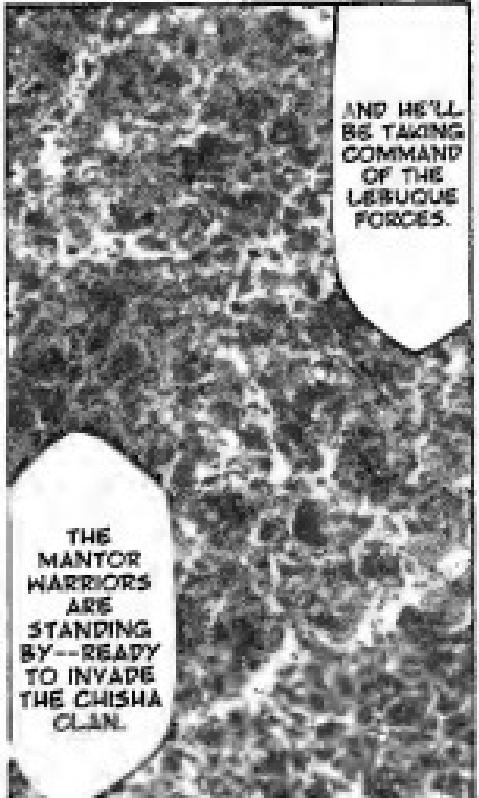
WHAT'S IT
REALLY
LIKE...?

--TELL
ME
ABOUT
THE
GRASS-
LANDS!

I'LL
TELL
YOU.

OKAY!

COME
ON!













STAY OUT
OF OUR
BUSINESS.



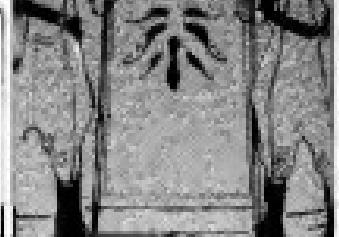
OR
ELSE,
YOU
WILL
DIE.

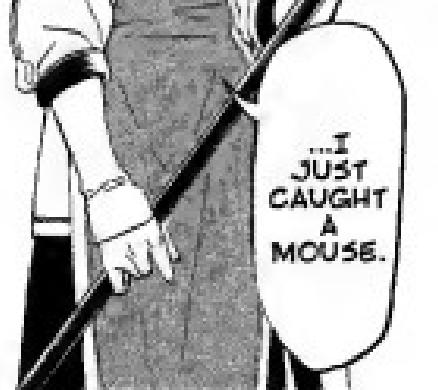
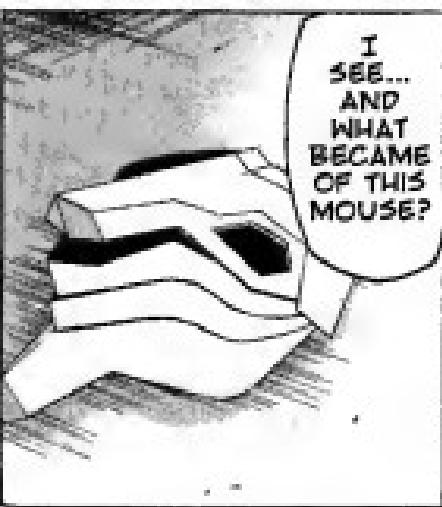
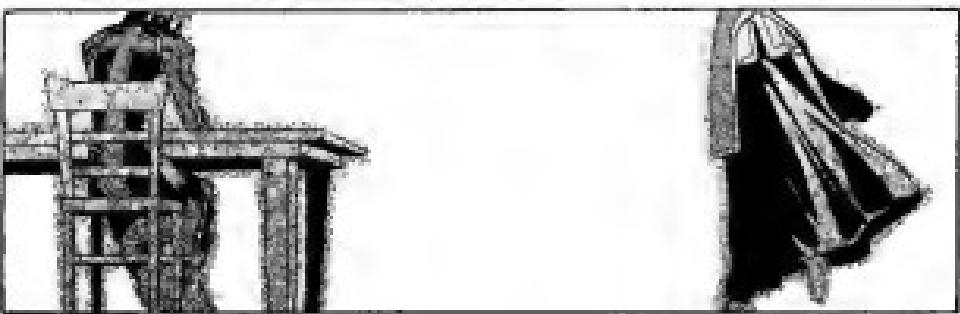
LEAVE
THIS
PLACE
--AT
ONCE!

YOU'RE
ONLY
GETTING
IN OUR
WAY.











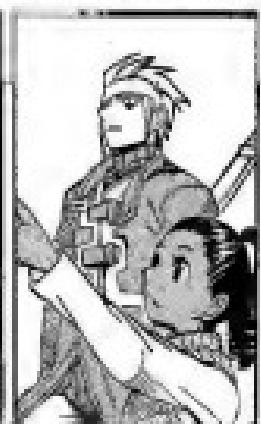
I SEE.

...











AFTER
THIS
HERO'S-
ALTAR...

...HAS
LEFT
HERE--
UNDER THE
RULES OF
HARMONIA

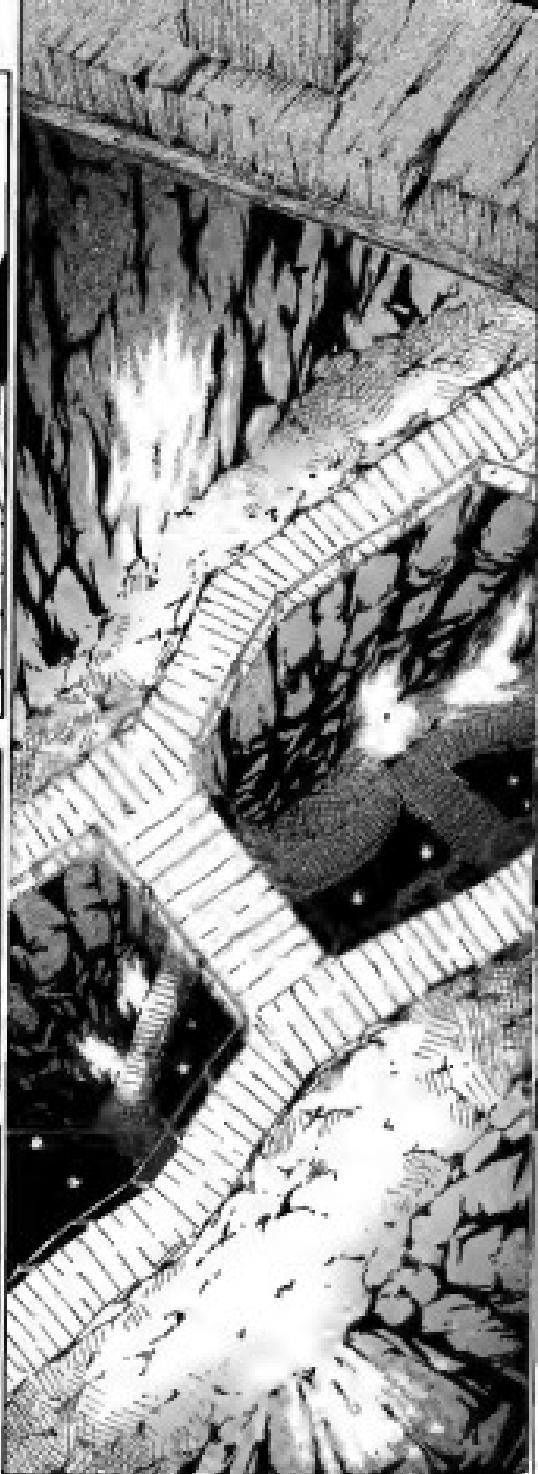


--THE
LEISURE
PEOPLE
HERE AFRAID
IT WOULD BE
DESTROYED.
TINY
CHANGED
ITS NAME
TO THE
"INSECT-
HANDLERS'
ALTAR."



I GUESS
THEY
WANTED
TO
PROTECT
IT...

TAKE'S
POINT.









SORRY
TO RAIN
ON YOUR
PICNIC--
BUT
YOU'LL
HAVE TO
TURN
BACK.





GET IN THERE
AND
TEAR
THEM
TO
PIECES!

HEY,
DUKE'S
RIGHT
IN THE
MIDDLE
OF
THEM!

YOU'RE
AS
STUB-
BORN
AS A
MULE,
AS
USUAL.

A-ALL
RIGHT!

GO
ON
AHEAD

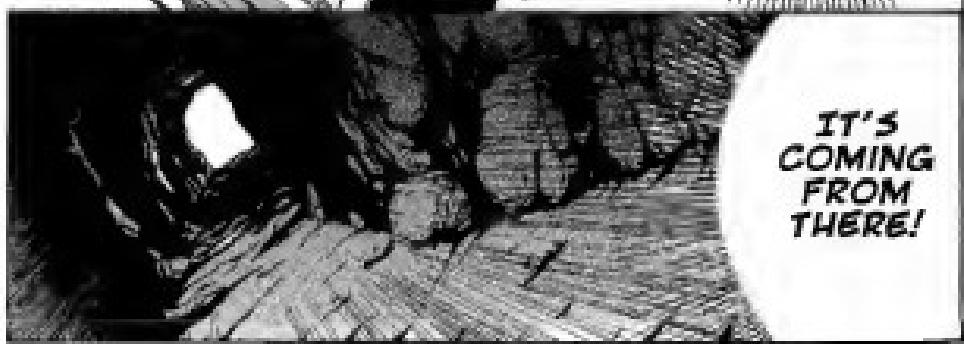


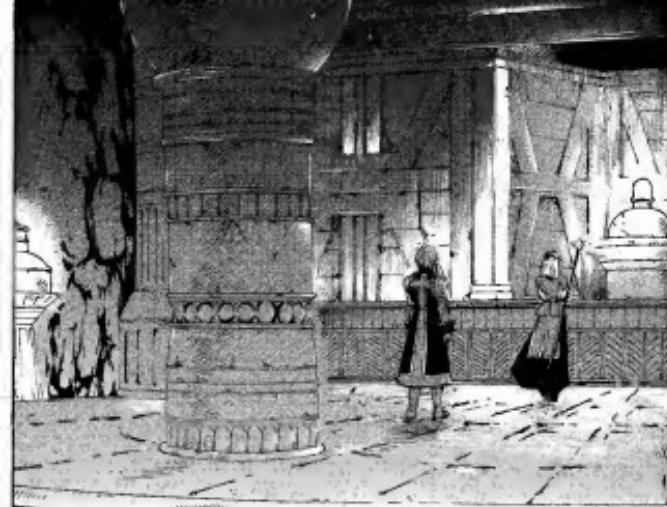






I'VE GOT
A
FEELING!
THE
SAME
BAD
FEELING
AS
BEFORE!





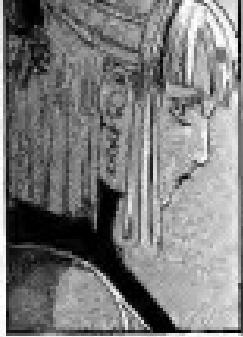






I...
CAN'T...
BREATHE...!





INSEED,
LITTLE
GIRL.
YOU
HAVE
JUST
TAKEN
YOUR
LAST
--



FC-ZX

--
BREATH!

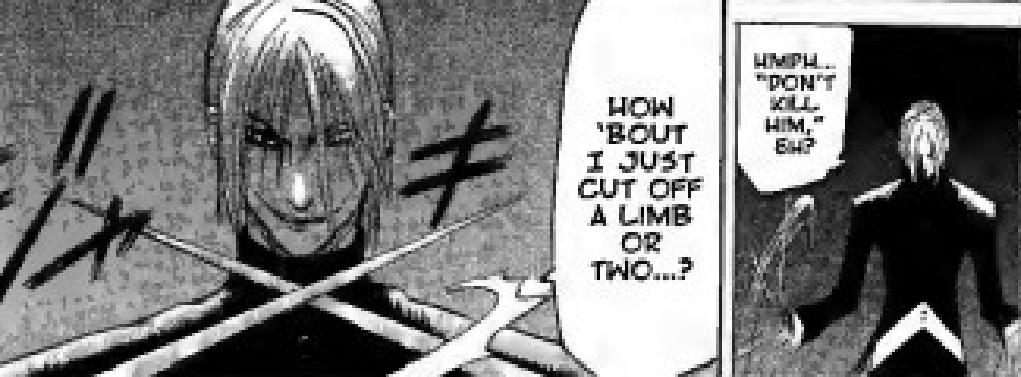
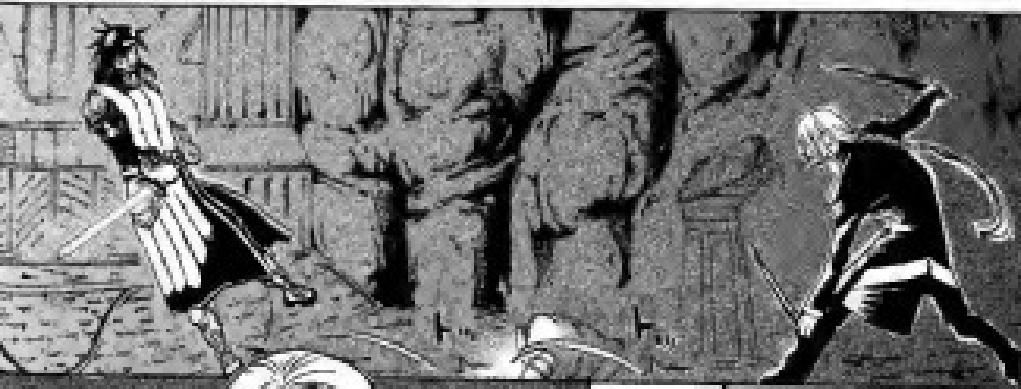




PITY!
RIGHT
AT THE
BEST
PART!



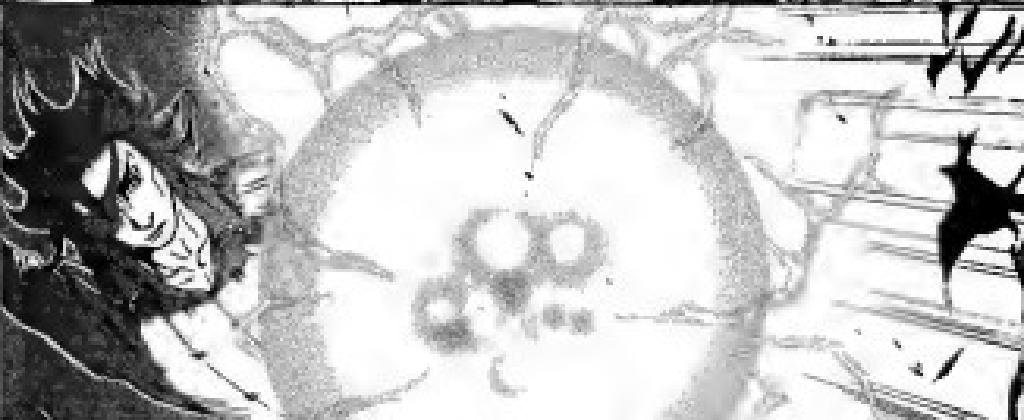






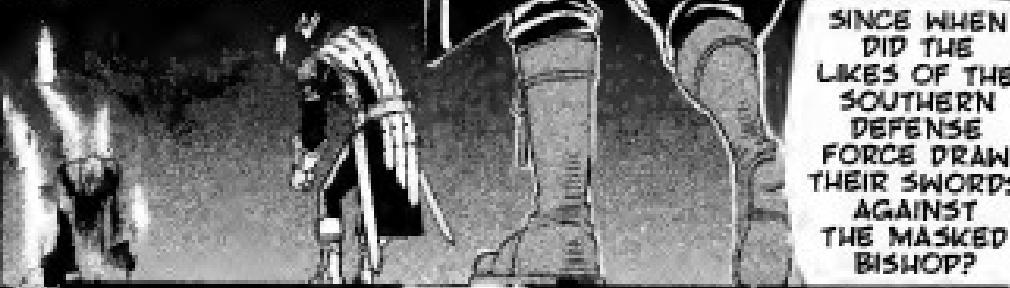


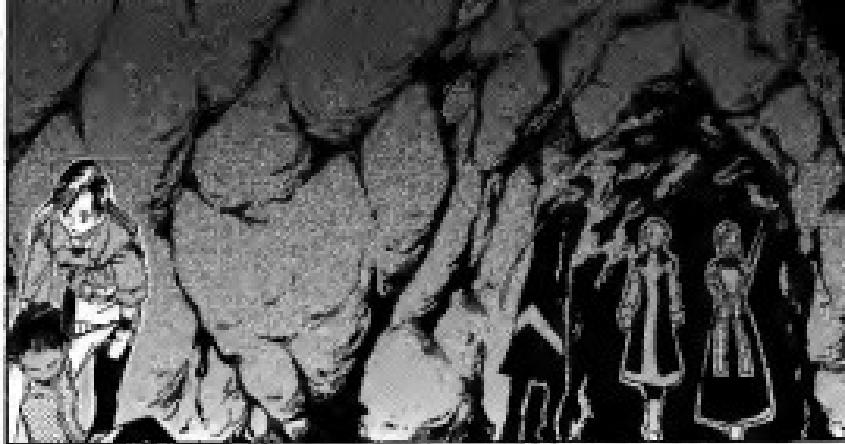
THAT
TOOK
LONGER
THAN I
THOUGHT.



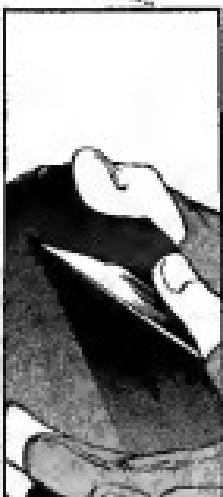
















GEDDOST?
HE COULDN'T BE.



...THEY
SAY HE'S
ONE OF
THE FIRE
BRINGERS.



IF
THAT
HAS
TRUE,
THEN
OUR
CAPTAIN
WOULD
BE--

WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING
IS JUST
CRAZY!

STOP!



HE--I
MEAN, I
SEE WHAT
YOU'RE
GETTING
AT, JOKER,
BUT, HE...

....AHHH
JEEZ--
MAYBE WE
SHOULD
JUST ASK
THE MAN....!

MAYBE
WE
SHOULD.



YES.
AND THEY
DO SEEM TO
BE MOVING
ABOUT
MUCH MORE
FREELY
THAN
SOMEONE
UNDER
HARMONIAN
ORDERS.



IT'S
ALL
RIGHT.
I
UNDER-
STAND.



--AND
HIS COM-
PAIONNS
--QUITE
A SUSPI-
CIOUS
LOT,
AREN'T
THEY?

THAT
MAN
WITH
THE
MASK
--

SORRY
TO CALL
YOU OUT
HERE
LIKE
THIS,
GEDDUS.



THEY
MUST BE
LOOKING
FOR US...



...THIS TIME,
WE WON'T
HAVE TO
FIGHT WITH...
HIM.

IT CERTAINLY LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME TO BREAK THE SEALS OF OUR RUNES.

HARMONIA'S ON THE MOVE, TOO --NOW THAT THE FIFTY YEARS' TRUCE HAS ENDED.



...AND KEPT HIS POWER TO HIMSELF-- ABANDONING THOSE HE SHOULD HAVE PROTECTED.

--FAILING TO FULFILL THE DESTINY OF THE BEARERS OF THE FIVE TRUE RUNES--

HE RAN FROM BATTLE WITH HIS TAIL BETWEEN HIS LEGS--

WHAT DOES IT MATTER NOW? ...?

I'LL
KEEP ON
FIGHTING,
EVEN IF
I'M THE
VERY
LAST
ONE!

I'M
NOT
LIKE
HIM!

HE STILL
PRETENDS
HE DOESN'T
HATE HIM.
BEEP BOOM
MURPH...?

I'LL
DESIGN
AS THE
12TH
UNIT'S
CAPTAIN.

WHAT'LL
BECOME
OF YOUR
GROUP?

I'LL
JUST
GO ON BY
MYSELF...
...IT
WON'T
TAKE
LONG
BEFORE
THEY
FIGURE
OUT MY
TRUE
IDENTITY.

NOW
THAT I'VE
SHOWN MY
"POWER..."







THEN WHAT'S
ALL THIS
ABOUT YOU
BREAKING
OFF FROM
THE TEAM--?!

HAVEN'T
WE GONE
THROUGH
HELL JUST
TO FOLLOW
YOU...?



EVERYONE
HAS
SOMETHING
BACK
THERE
THEY
DON'T
TALK
ABOUT.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT!



YOUR
PAST
IS NO
CONCERN
OF OURS!

HE'S
RIGHT,
GEDDOME!

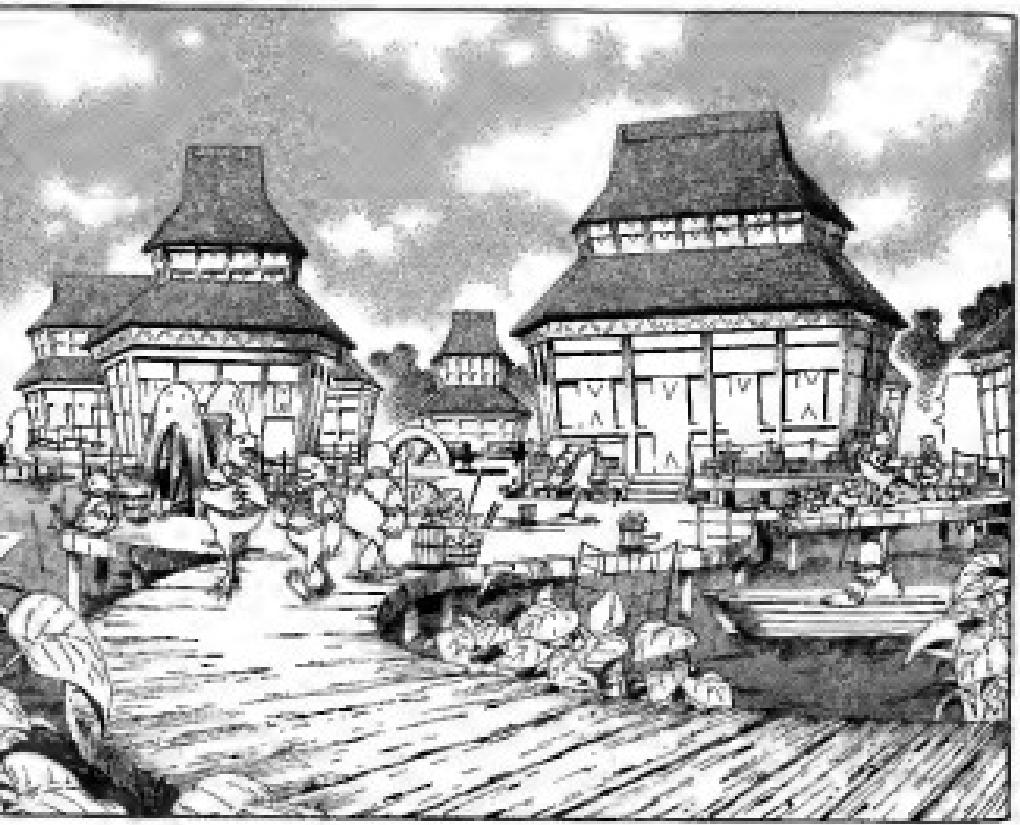
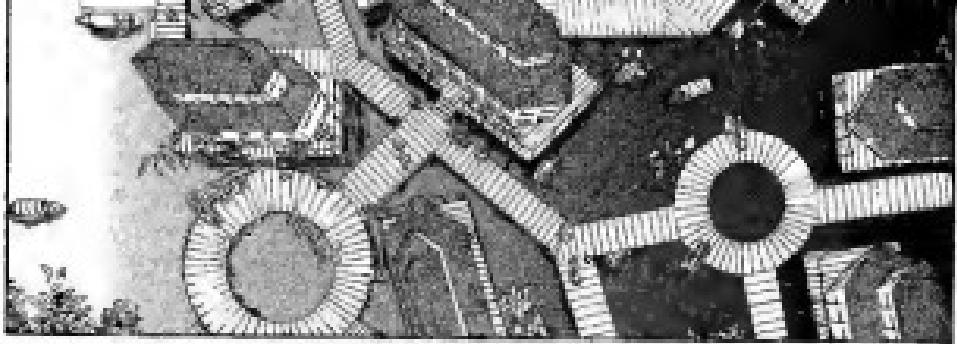


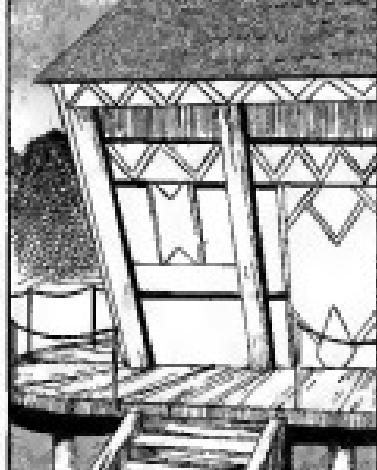
ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
JACQUES
??







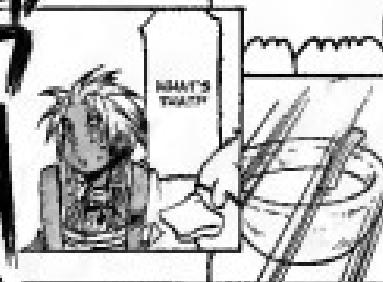






**THE
CHICHA
CLAN'S IN
TERRIBLE
TROUBLE**

**THERE'S
NO TIME
FOR
THIS
CHIT-
CHAT!**



WANT
TELL

**HEY,
WAIT A
MINUTE!
NOOO!!!**



**DUCK
KILLER
14
HERE**

P-



ラジオホンホンホンホンホンホン



KNOCK
IT OFF,
HALLEC!

LOOK,
MUAI!
WE GOT
A BIG
CATCH
TODAY!



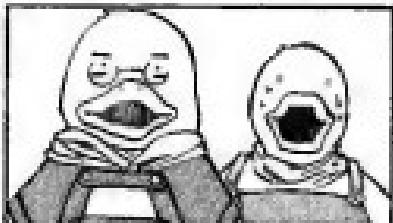
HEY,
KID--WE
AREN'T
BAD
GUYS.

NO,
HEY--
HANG
ON A
SEC!

HE'S
HALLEC

...
AND
I'M
MUA.

OH--!
WE'RE
BOTH
AFTER THE
FLAME
CHAMPION
FOR THE
SAME
REASONS.



LEADING HIS FIRE
BRINGER, HE SAVED
THE REMOTE
GRASSY PLAINS.

WHEN THE FLAME CHAMPION APPEARED, HE BROUGHT CHAOS WITH HIS FLAMES.

WE ARE FREE KNIGHTS FROM KAMARO-- WHICH HAS TERRITORIES HERE IN THE GRASSLANDS. WE KNIGHTS HAVE ALL HEARD THE SAGA.

ONCE THE THREAT HAD VANISHED, THE PLAINS ENJOYED A FIFTY YEAR PEACE-- THANKS TO THEIR HERO.

HE CREATED A FIERY INFERO THAT SWEPT POWERFULLY OVER THE PLAINS FOR TEN DAYS AND COMPLETELY OVERWHELMED THE ENEMY ARMIES.

...WE WANTED TO ASK THIS STRONG (GOBBLE!) HERO TO PLEASE COME SHAVE OUR (GULP!) VILLAGE.

AND SHO

WHOA

AND I
WANTED
TO
CONFIRM
THAT WITH
MY OWN
EYES.

WE'VE
HEARD
THAT THE
FLAME
CHAMPION
HAS BEEN
RESUR-
RECTED.



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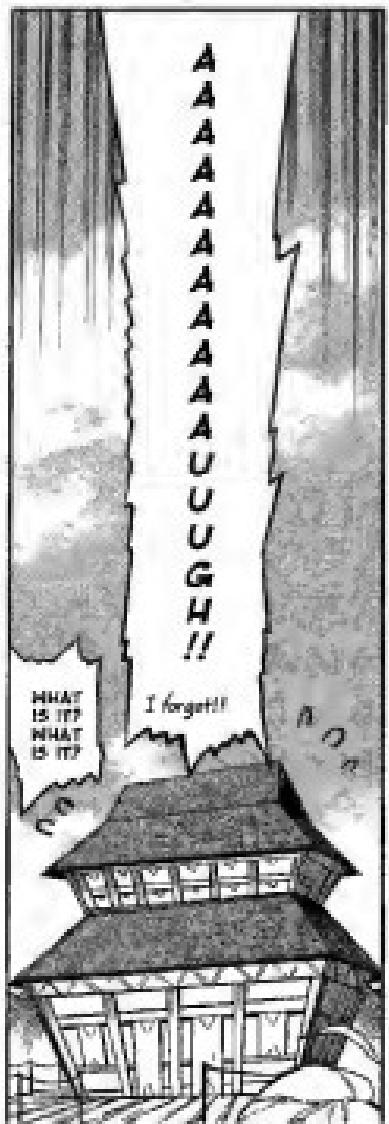
WHAT
IS IT?
WHAT
IS IT?

I forgot!!

THE FLAME
CHAMPION'S
COME
BACK?!
WHERE IS
HE??

SOME
SAY
HE'S
WITH
THE
CHISHA
CLAN.

ALTHOUGH
I'VE HEARD
NO RUMORS
ABOUT THE
FIRE BRINGER
REAPPEARING





MASTER
HUGO...
YOU'RE
AFTER
THE SAME
THING AS
US...?



LET US
KNOW IF
WE CAN
HELP
YOU
IN ANY
WAY!

THIS
MUST
TRULY
BE
FATE!

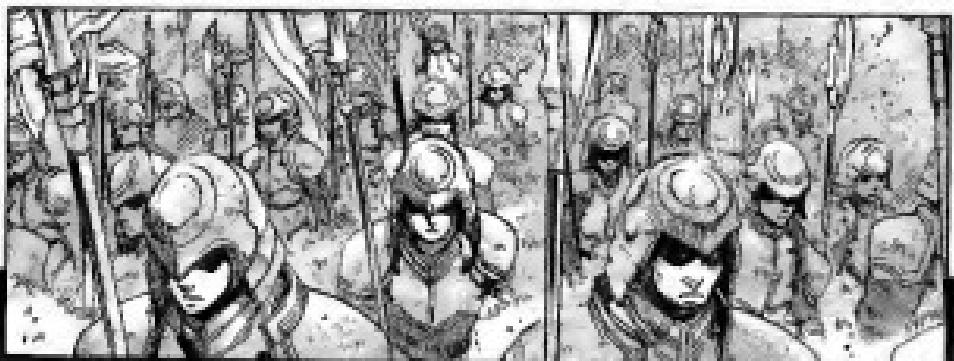
TO THE
CHISHA
CLAN!

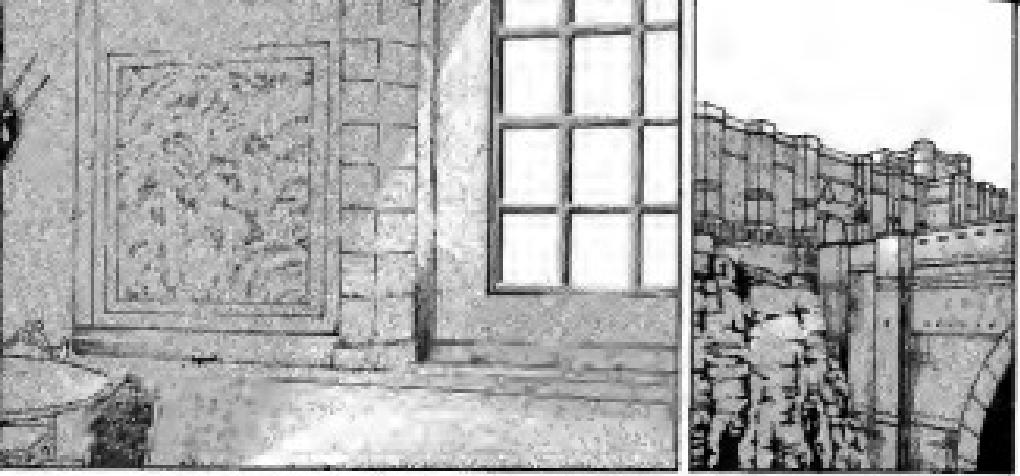
FEEL
FREE TO
ASK US
ANYTHING!



THE FLAME
CHAMPION,
EH...?

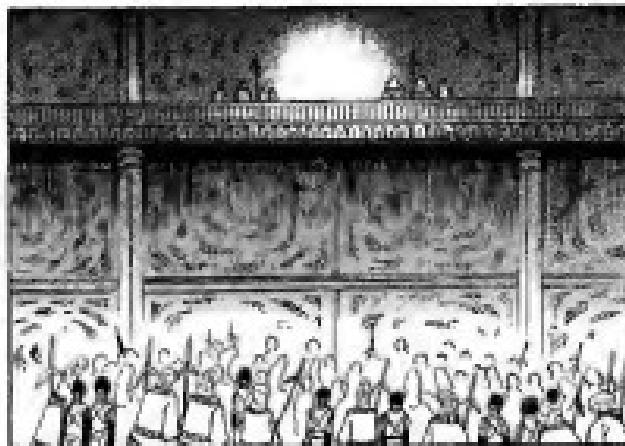
IF I
DO MEET
UP WITH
HIM...JUST
WHAT...AM
I GOING
TO DO?







NO...
IT'S
STILL
TOO
SOON
TO ACT.





NOW
IS THE
TIME FOR
US TO
SHOW
THE
POWER
OF THE
GRASS-
LANDS!



SAFIR
HAS
FALLEN!



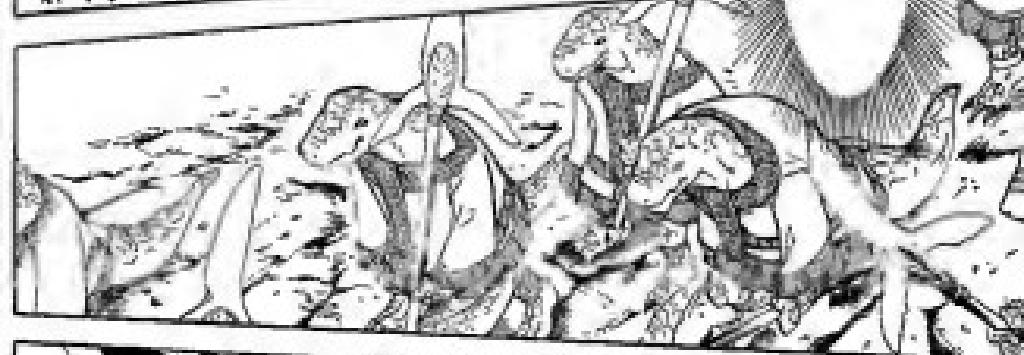
THEY'LL
BE
GOING
AFTER
CHISHA!



NO MATTER
WHAT IT
TAKES, WE
CANNOT
ALLOW THE
HARMONIA
ARMY TO
ADVANCE
ANY
FURTHER!



TO
CHISHA!







TO
CHISHA!



The Wind summoned
the Flames...

Main Characters

Grasslands

Enemies

Zexen Federation

The Council

Opposition

Zexen Knights

Close Friends

Lulu

Killer

Hugo

Seeking His Power

Chris

Clues Leading to Her Father

Working Together

Jimba

A Friend from the Past

The Flame Champion

Nash

Aila

Working Together

The 12th Unit

Geddoe

On A Mission to Search for Him

Breaking His Seals?

The Masked Bishop

Invasion

Holy Harmonia

So, this is the third volume.

I'm so terribly sorry that this time the release date was pushed back a bit.

(Hee hee hee...)

Well, I'd really like to thank those of you who sent in your impressions and fan letters! I've read them all carefully. Even though there won't be a survey included from the third volume on, if I get could get your impressions and desires, I'd continue to use your recommendations and we could work together on this.

Oh, yeah, I'm often asked by the readers who my favorite character is, but that tends to affix this prejudice of "the author's favorite character," so for the time being, that's my secret. There's not one character I hate, though.

Well, then, we'll meet again in the fourth issue. Next time, "that girl," and co. are planned to be in it.





Suioden

幻想水滸伝

Chris Lightfellow and Nash Clovis' quest to find Chris' father leads them to a village where mediums live to serve spirits...but when you live this close to the Next World, death is never far away!

Meanwhile, more forces on both sides line up for the impending war between Harmonia and the Grasslands. After such severe losses to the Zexens, will the Grasslands really be able to put up a fight? With the power of a True Rane they could...but even if they had one, could they find anyone with the will to wield it?